



## 2011 ANNUAL RECYCLING AWARDS



Montgomery County held its annual Recycling Achievement Awards Recognition Program on Thursday, May 26, 2011.

Outstanding achievements in recycling, waste reduction and buying recycled-content products by local businesses, multi-family properties, individuals, and school students were recognized by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Solid Waste Services. Multi-family awards were presented to twenty multi-family properties and individuals that contributed to excellent recycling programs or made significant recycling program improvements. Awardees demonstrated commitment to maintaining and improving recycling programs, increasing resident awareness and participation, and using creativity to ensure their programs were convenient and effective. Congratulations to all of the award winners for their recycling success!

### How can your property or staff qualify for recognition in 2012?

- ♻ Evaluate your recycling capacity; the number one concern we hear from multi-family property residents regards insufficient recycling capacity.
- ♻ Ensure that your Annual Recycling and Waste Reduction Report includes quantitative information regarding ALL of the materials your property recycles as well as information on educational and waste reduction activities conducted at your property.
- ♻ Educate your residents about recycling and waste reduction on an ongoing basis.
- ♻ Make recycling visible and convenient. Place recycling containers everywhere recyclable materials are generated and wherever you have trash containers.

Let the TRRAC team know what you accomplish! Call 240-777-6446, visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling), or e-mail [lauren.kuhn@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:lauren.kuhn@montgomerycountymd.gov).



# EXCELLENCE

## Excellence in Recycling

Awarded to multi-family properties, property management companies, and resident recycling committees that established and/or contributed to excellent recycling programs.

Personnel from Montgomery County's Division of Solid Waste Services (DSWS) presented the awards. Pictured with the awardees in the photographs below, from left to right: Mr. Dan Locke, Division Chief, DSWS; Ms. Eileen Kao, Chief, Waste Reduction and Recycling Section, DSWS; and Mr. Alan Pultyniewicz, Recycling Coordinator, DSWS.



Mr. Daniel Carrion and Ms. Jill McDougall

Staff at the **Gallery at White Flint** work as a team to maintain a consistently superior waste reduction and recycling program, resulting in a 55 percent recycling rate in 2010.



Mr. Mark Newby

At **Grosvenor Park II**, management monitors recycling program needs, increases recycling capacity as necessary, and educates residents. Residents recycled 52 percent of their waste in 2010.



Mr. Jasper Jiang and Ms. Marilyn Leist

**Ingleside at King Farm** is committed to making it easy for residents to recycle -- required recyclable materials but also electronics, batteries, and more. Staff and residents recycled 57 percent of their waste in 2010.



Ms. Ianita Radev

Responsiveness to resident recycling advocates and increases in recycling achievement are the key to success at the **Residences at Rollins Ridge**, where residents recycled 55 percent of their waste in 2010.



Mr. Mark Newby, Mr. Fred Coley, and Mr. Philip Palmer

At the **Riviera of Chevy Chase**, the 66 percent recycling rate in 2010 is the result of consistently high standards and staff always looking for ways to improve the program.



Mr. Jeff Aurich

A staff that maintains a well designed recycling program and the activities of a resident recycling committee enabled residents at the **Waterford Condominiums** in Kensington to recycle 53 percent of their waste in 2010.

# OUTSTANDING

## Outstanding Improvement

Awarded to multi-family properties that made significant improvements to their recycling programs.



The residents at **Barclay Apartments** in Chevy Chase more than doubled their recycling rate to 26 percent in 2010, as a result of additional recycling capacity for mixed paper and commingled materials.



Ms. Diane Windell

Recycling was a priority for Klingbeil Capital Management when they began managing **Cherry Knoll Apartments** early last year. Improved instructional signage, more collection sites, and staff and resident education resulted in a 36 percent recycling rate in 2010 -- a 30 percent increase.



Ms. Wendy Yhissell Alfaro

The recycling rate at **Chevy Chase Lake Apartments** more than doubled to 30 percent in 2010 as a result of resident response to significantly increased recycling capacity at all collection sites.



Ms. Reina Umanzor and Mr. Reggie Denis

At 42 percent, the recycling rate at **Riderwood** continues to rise in response to an active resident recycling team and a dedicated staff. In 2010, Riderwood was the first reported multi-family property in Montgomery County to add food waste composting to their recycling program.



Mr. Gary Watson and Ms. Gina Oak  
The recycling rate at **University Gardens** increased to 17 percent in 2010 in response to increased recycling capacity and the property manager's efforts to educate all of the residents regarding recycling and the program improvements.



Ms. Diane Robles and Ms. Beatriz Beltran  
At **Windsor Court & Tower Apartments**, the recycling rate increased to 26 percent in 2010 as a result of more capacity for commingled materials and mixed paper recycling and resident education.



Mr. Elvis Mojica  
The recycling rate at **The Wisconsin** has steadily increased over the last four years to 32 percent in 2010 as a result of resident and staff education and program monitoring for accuracy and effectiveness.

# OUTSTANDING

## Outstanding Individual Achievement

Awarded to individuals at multi-family properties for their outstanding efforts to improve recycling programs and/or increase resident recycling awareness and participation.



**Ms. Meghan Dooley**, Highland House West Property Manager, is very committed to improving the property's waste reduction and recycling program. She continues to add new materials to the recycling program, educate residents, increase recycling capacity, and find innovative ways to reduce waste, such as covering a roll-off container with a tarp to discourage inappropriate disposal.



**Mr. Mohamed Khadar**, General Manager at Summer Ridge Condominiums in Gaithersburg, appreciates the importance of recycling, as is evident in his property's recycling program. He sets an example for his residents, improving the program as needed, and maintaining clean, well labeled collection sites.



**Ms. Nicole Lewis**, Manor Apartments Property Manager, has set the example for her management company and sister properties when it comes to a great recycling program. She increases recycling capacity in response to demand, organizes recycling events, and responds to recurring problems with plans of correction and follows them through.



**Mr. Garvin Robertson**, Asset Manager at The Blairs in Silver Spring, maintains a smoothly operating recycling and waste reduction program across multiple high-rise and mid-rise buildings. He continues to build upon his previous improvements by adding recycling collection containers, updating signage at collection areas, and informing staff of changes.



**Ms. Deborah Stevenson**, Board President at the Vineyards Condominium in Silver Spring, spearheaded improvements to the property's recycling program by working with contractors and property management to expand the footprint at all collection sites and double recycling capacity. She was instrumental in raising resident recycling awareness.



**Ms. Anne Strickler**, Property Manager at Heritage House Apartments, is committed to educating all of her residents about recycling. Recognizing the community's diversity, she scheduled multiple resident education events, each using different translators, and purchased audiovisual equipment specifically for these and future events.



**Mr. Desmond Williams**, groundskeeper at Aspen Hill Apartments, takes a personal interest in helping the residents recycle. When a new scrap metal recycling program was implemented, he monitored it closely and educated many residents as to how the new containers were to be used. As a result of his "teachable moments," the program is now running well.



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## RECYCLE MORE NOW!

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES

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## Baby Blue Recycling Bins!



Did you know  
you can order  
apartment  
recycling bins  
from DSWS for  
your residents?

"Baby blue" recycling bins are provided by Montgomery County to multi-family properties to help residents recycle in their homes. They serve as a visual reminder to recycle, and they also help residents transport their recyclable materials to collection areas.

- Provide a baby blue bin in every move-in package -- send the message that "this property recycles!"
- Already have some on-site? Where are they? Make sure they are visible, so residents know they are available.

Order baby blue bins at no additional charge at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling) by clicking on "Get blue bins + more".

## Calendar of Events

October 16 - 22, 2011

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK

Join volunteers to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Community Service Day in Montgomery County! Volunteer for a project or create your own project at your property. Visit [www.montgomeryserves.org](http://www.montgomeryserves.org) for more information.

Saturday, October 29, 2011

### NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

10:00am to 2:00pm

For more information and locations near you, visit [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html).

Sunday, November 6, 2011

### MONTGOMERY COUNTY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

12:00pm to 4:00pm

Walt Whitman High School

7100 Whittier Boulevard, Bethesda, Maryland 20817

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

### AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Let us help you plan an event at your property to celebrate recycling and increase participation in your recycling programs!

For information about these events, call 240-777-6446  
or visit [www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/recycling)

